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## Reasons for Allowance

1. Claims 2-9, 12-19, and 27-36 are allowed as the prior art does not teach or suggest the applicant's invention. The reasons for allowance are based on amended claim language resulting from the 1<sup>st</sup> Office Action.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mitchell R. Slavitt whose telephone number is (571) 272-7562. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (6:30-4:00), 2nd Friday off.

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